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Public Health, Sewerage and Water Committee, 1950.

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ALTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

BARTON END,
LENTEN STREET,
ALTON, HANTS.

August, 1951.

To the Chairman and Members of the Alton Rural District Council.

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1950 on the health and sanitary circumstances of the Rural District of Alton.

The year on the whole has been very free from infectious disease. There were more cases of whooping cough than measles.

The cases of scarlet fever were mild in character and scattered throughout the district. There was no serious outbreak.

Owing to extensive inoculation of children against diphtheria, there has been no case notified of this disease.

My thanks are due to Mr. A. E. Bennett for his cooperation in compiling this report and for his very valuable services during the year.

(Signed) H. CURRER WILLIAMS,

Medical Officer of Health.

Alton Rural District Council.

STATISTICS OF THE AREA

As at 31st December, 1950

| Area, in acres | | | | 65,526 |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|-----|----------|
| Estimated population (civilian) | | | | 20,000 |
| Total estimated population (inc | luding | milita | ry) | 24,480 |
| Number of inhabited houses | | | | 5,963 |
| Rateable value | | | | £154,704 |
| Product of a penny rate | | | | £629 |

The district is situated in the extreme east of Hampshire and comprises 21 civil parishes.

On the east, it marches with the County boundary between Hampshire and Surrey and then, circling in round Bramshott, just touches the Sussex border in the south-east.

The River Wey rises from a considerable number of sources within the district and the River Rother begins its course below the hills in the extreme south.

Agriculture and the rural undertakings with which it is normally associated continue as the principal industries of the district.

The Parish of Whitehill includes the important military establishments of Bordon and Longmoor whilst the Parishes of Headley and Grayshott have become popular residential areas.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births.

| Live Births (Legitimate) 193 155 (Illegitimate) 20 19 | TAL 348 39 —— 387 |
|--|-------------------------------|
| (Illegitimate) 20 19 — — — — — | 39 |
| | |
| | 387 |
| Totals <u>213</u> <u>174</u> <u>3</u> | 387 |
| | |
| | |
| Time high rate neg thousand total nonvious | 5.8 |
| | |
| Live birth rate per thousand civil population 19 | 9.35 |
| Average for England and Wales, per thousand total | |
| | 5.8 |
| MALE FEMALE TO | TAL |
| Still Births (Legitimate) 3 | 3 |
| (Illegitimate) 0 | 0 |
| (8 | |
| Totals | 3 |
| | |
| Ct'll birth arts and the second testal manufaction | .12 |
| Still Silvin Late per this desire property | |
| Commenter that the part that t |).15 |
| Average for England and Wales, per thousand total | |
| | .37 |

Deaths.

| From all causes—203 (of which 89 died outside the district Death rate per thousand total population Death rate per thousand civil population Average for England and Wales, per thousand total |) 8.3 10.15 |
|--|--------------------|
| population | 11.6 |
| Maternal Mortality. | |
| From Puerperal sepsis From other Puerperal causes Maternal mortality rate per thousand (live and still) | Nil Nil |
| births | Nil |
| Average for England and Wales | 0.86 |
| Infantile Mortality. | |
| Deaths under one year of age | 15 38.7 29.8 |
| Deaths from— | |
| Cancer (all ages) | 37 0 1 |
| | 1 |

ANALYSIS OF CAUSES OF DEATH

| | Diseases | Male | Female | Total |
|----|--|------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | Tuberculosis, respiratory | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| 2 | Tuberculosis, other | 1 | 1 | 2 2 |
| 3 | Syphilitic disease | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | Diphtheria | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | Whooping Cough | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 6 | Meningococcal infections | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7 | Acute poliomyelitis | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 8 | Measles | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 9 | Other infective and parasitic diseases | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 10 | Malignant neoplasm, stomach | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| 11 | ,, lung, bronchus | 11 | 0 | 11 |
| 12 | " " breast | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| 13 | ,, uterus | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| 14 | Other malignant and lymphatic | 7 | | 4.5 |
| 15 | neoplasms Leukaemia, Aleukaemia | 7 0 | 8 | 15 1 |
| 16 | Diabetes | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 17 | Vascular lesions of nervous system | 11 | 13 | 24 |
| 18 | Coronary disease, angina | 12 | 16 | 28 |
| 19 | Hypertension with heart disease | 0 | 2 | 20 |
| 20 | Other heart diseases | 24 | 15 | 39 |
| 21 | Other circulatory disease | 7 | | 10 |
| 22 | Influenza | 2 | 3 2 2 2 0 | 4 |
| 23 | Pneumonia | 4 | 2 | |
| 24 | Bronchitis | 3 | 2 | 6 5 0 2 2 1 |
| 25 | Other diseases of respiratory system | Ö | ō | 0 |
| 26 | Ulcer of stomach and duodenum | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 27 | Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 28 | Nephritis and Nephrosis | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 29 | Hyperplasia of Prostate | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 30 | Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 31 | Congenital malformations | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| 32 | Other defined and ill-defined diseases | 16 | 11 | 27 |
| 33 | Motor vehicle accidents | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 34 | All other accidents | 0 | 2 | 1 2 2 |
| 35 | Suicide | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| 36 | Homicide and operations of war | 0 | 0 | |
| | All causes | 110 | 93 | 203 |

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The following is an analysis of cases of notifiable diseases which occurred during the year:—

| Disease | | Total cases notified | Cases admitted to hospital | Deaths |
|-------------------|------|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------|
| Diphtheria | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Enteric Fever | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Measles | | 34 | 2 | 0 |
| Para-typhoid | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pneumonia | | 9 | 6 | 6 |
| Polioencephalitis | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Puerperal pyrexia | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Scarlet fever | | 29 | 17 | 0 |
| Whooping cough | | 57 | 2 | 1 |
| Poliomyelitis | | 6 | 5 | 0 |

Note: Only certain forms of pneumonia are notifiable.

Six cases of Poliomyélitis were notified but three were not confirmed after admission to hospital. The three cases which were confirmed (2 paralytic and 1 non-paralytic) were in the families of soldiers at Bordon and were removed to the Military Isolation Hospital.

Analysis of notified cases according to age groups :-

| Age group | | | Measles | Scarlet Fever | Whooping Cough |
|--------------------------|-----|----|---------|---------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 | | | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 1—2 | | | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| 23 | | | 5 | 2 | 9 |
| 1—2 2—3 3—4 4—5 | | | 7 | 7 | 9 |
| 4—5 | | | 3 | 1 | 6 |
| 5—10 | | | 12 | 14 | 22 |
| 10-15 | | | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| 15-20 | | | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 20 and o | | •• | Ō | 1 | 3 |
| Tota | ıls | | 34 | 29 | 57 |

Tuberculosis.

No action was necessary during the year under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925 (relating to persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis employed in the milk trade), or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936 (relating to the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from tuberculosis).

The following table indicates the incidence of the disease and deaths during the year from tuberculosis.

| - | | New | Cases | | DEATHS | | | |
|------------|-----------------------|-----|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|--|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Age Period | Respiratory M. F. | | Respi | lon- ratory F. | Respiratory M. F. | | Non- Respiratory M. F. | |
| Under 1 | 3 4 1 1 1 | | 1 1 1 1 - | | | | 1 | 1 - - - - |
| Totals | 10 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 2 | | 1 | 1 |

Diphtheria Immunisation.

During the year, 714 immunisations against diphtheria were carried out as follows:—

| Number of a full course during the | f children who e of primary in year | Total number of children who were given a secondary or rein- forcing injection (subsequent to complete full course) during | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---|---|-----------|--|--|--|
| Age at date jection. | Age at date of final injection. | | the year. | | | |
| Under 5 | 5—14 | | | | | |
| 214 | 214 20 | | 480 | | | |

The Ministry of Health recommend that all children be immunised against diphtheria before their first birthday, preferably at the age of seven or eight months. Also that they should be given a reinforcing injection just after entering school.

Lists of children who have attained the age of 12 months and who have not been immunised are regularly forwarded to the County Medical Officer of Health who arranges for a Health Visitor to call. This arrangement has proved very successful.

Prevention of Blindness.

During the year no cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum were notified.

Scabies.

There were no cases of scabies during the year.

PROVISION OF GENERAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Ambulance Facilities.

Ambulances for infectious diseases and other cases (non-infectious, accident and maternity) are stationed at Alton.

Child Welfare.

Centres for children under the age of 5 years are available as follows:—

| CENTRE | ADDRESS | AVAILABILITY (per month) | | | |
|-----------|----------------|--------------------------|--|--|--|
| Alton | Assembly Rooms | 1st and 3rd Tuesdays | | | |
| Bentley | Memorial Hall | 3rd Thursday | | | |
| Binsted | Institute | 4th Wednesday | | | |
| Grayshott | Village Hall | Every Friday | | | |
| Headley | Hilland | 2nd and 4th Fridays | | | |
| Kingsley | Ockham House | 3rd Friday | | | |
| Selborne | Village Hall | 2nd Wednesday | | | |
| Whitehill | Men's Club | 2nd and 4th Thursdays | | | |

All centres are held in the afternoons at 2 p.m. except at Grayshott which is held at 2.45 p.m.

Day Nursery.

A day nursery is available at the Manor House, Alton, providing accommodation for approximately 20 children between the ages of 2 and 5 years. The nursery is well used and there is a waiting list for accommodation.

Hospitals.

There are no hospitals in the district but the following are available:—

The General Hospital, Alton.

The Inwood Cottage Hospital, Alton.

The Isolation Hospital, Alton.

The Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester.

Home Help Service.

A scheme of domestic help is available in cases of emergency, the district coming under the Basingstoke District Organiser, at the Home Help Office, Market Chambers, Church Street, Basingstoke.

Laboratory Facilities.

Bacteriological examinations of clinical matter (sputum, swabs, etc.) and of water, milk and foodstuffs are carried out at the Public Health Laboratory at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester.

Chemical analyses of water, sewage, milk and other samples are carried out by arrangement with the Public Analyst, Portsmouth.

Midwifery and Home Nursing.

These services are administered as follows:-

| DISTRICT SERVED | NURSE | SERVICE GIVEN |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| Alton Chawton Farringdon | Miss D. R. Hull, S.C.M., GAS/AIR, 4 Edward Road, Alton. Mrs. M. Coombes, S.R.N., Hillcrest, Windmill Hill, Alton. | Midwifery only General nursing only |
| Medstead Bentworth Shalden Lasham Four Marks Wield | Mrs. G. M. Kimber, s.r.n., s.c.m., q.n., gas/air. 3 Green Stile, Medstead | Midwifery and general |
| Grayshott | Miss M. A. Cuff, s.c.m., Gas/Air, Nurses Cottage, School Road, Grayshott | ditto |
| Blackmoor Whitehill Kingsley Selborne part | Mrs. D. U. C. Deddes, s.c.m., GAS/AIR, Nurses Cottage, Blackmoor | ditto |
| Ropley West Tisted East Tisted | Miss J. A. Johnson, s.c.m., GAS/AIR, Kingsley, Church Lane, Ropley | ditto |
| Selborne part Hartley Mauditt West and East Worldhams Newton Valence | Mrs. R. Morgan, s.c.m., gas/air, Nurses Cottage, Selborne | ditto |

| DISTRICT SERVED | NURSE | SERVICE GIVEN |
|------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Headley Hollywater Standford | Miss J. E. Bramidge, s.c.m., gas/air, 57 Church Fields, Headley | Midwifery and general |
| Bentley Froyle Binsted | Mrs. M. P. Sedgwick, s.r.n., s.c.m., q.n., 10 Babs Field, Bentley | ditto |

Qualifications: s.r.n.—State Registered Nurse

s.c.m.—State Certified Midwife

q.n.—Queens Nurse

GAS/AIR-Gas and air analgesia certificate

School Health Services.

Clinics are held as follows:

Verminous cleansing General Hospital, Alton.

Scabies Isolation Hospital, Alton.

Orthopaedic Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital, Alton.

Ear, nose and throat Royal Hants County Hospital,

Winchester.

Dental At Schools

Ophthalmic and orthoptic Trafalgar House, Winchester.
Child guidance Health Centre, Winchester.

Speech therapy Health Centre, Winchester.

Tuberculosis.

Clinics are held at Aldershot, Basingstoke and Winchester, whilst sanatoria are available at Bishopstoke, Chandlers Ford, Liphook and Alton (Morland Hall and Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital).

Venereal Diseases.

Clinics are held at Aldershot, Basingstoke and Winchester.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR AND BUILDING SURVEYOR

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water.

Piped main supplies in the various parishes of the district are as follows:

Wey Valley Water Co.

Bentley East Tisted Binsted

Chawton Four Marks

Frovle

Farringdon Gravshott

Newton Valence

Headley Ropley

Kingsley Selborne

Whitehill

Mid-Wessex Water Co.

Bentworth

Lasham

Medstead

Shalden

Wield

Private estate supply.

West Tisted

Extensions of main supplies were completed during the year in the Parishes of Newton Valence, Four Marks, Whitehill and Medstead, whilst work on the extension of mains in the parishes of Worldham and Whitehill were commenced.

The mains supplies in the area have been satisfactory, both in quality and quantity throughout the year. Samples are regularly taken for analysis by the Water Undertakers themselves.

Other domestic supplies in the district are from wells, springs and underground rain water storage tanks.

Particulars as to the number of properties and population served in each parish are as follows:—

| | | Area, No. of | | No. of houses supplied | | | Population supplied | | |
|--------------|-------|--------------|--------|------------------------|---------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------------|-------|
| Parish | | | houses | Direct | By stand pipe | Total | Direct | By stand pipe | Total |
| Bentley | | 2483 | 229 | 199 | - | 199 | 716 | _ | 716 |
| Bentworth | | 3763 | 191 | 151 | _ | 151 | 544 | _ | 544 |
| Binsted | | 7799 | 520 | 302 | | 302 | 1087 | — | 1087 |
| Chawton | | 2194 | 148 | 87 | _ | 87 | 313 | _ | 313 |
| East Tisted | | 2621 | 64 | - | _ | | | _ | _ |
| Farringdon | | 2105 | 160 | 114 | _ | 114 | 410 | _ | 410 |
| Four Marks | | 1502 | 409 | 146 | _ | 146 | 526 | _ | 526 |
| Froyle | | 4641 | 196 | 179 | | 179 | 644 | — | 644 |
| Grayshott | | 901 | 451 | 432 | _ | 432 | 1555 | _ | 1555 |
| Headley | | 4771 | 847 | 675 | | 675 | 2430 | _ | 2430 |
| Kingsley | | 1540 | 127 | 74 | - 1 | 74 | 266 | _ | 266 |
| Lasham | | 1797 | 53 | 47 | _ | 47 | 169 | _ | 169 |
| Medstead | | 2809 | 436 | 182 | _ | 182 | 655 | _ | 655 |
| Newton Valen | ice | 2069 | 75 | 23 | -1 | 23 | 83 | _ | 83 |
| Ropley | | 3704 | 412 | 124 | _ | 124 | 446 | — | 446 |
| Selborne | | 4830 | 372 | 265 | _ | 265 | 954 | — | 954 |
| Shalden | | 2160 | 108 | 84 | _ | 84 | 302 | _ | 302 |
| West Tisted | | 2356 | 54 | | _ | | _ | _ | _ |
| Whitehill | | 5509 | 817 | 494 | | 494 | 1778 | — | 1778 |
| Wield | | 2104 | 67 | 57 | | 57 | 205 | _ | 205 |
| Worldham | • • • | 3868 | 127 | 48 | | 48 | 173 | _ | 173 |
| Totals | | 65526 | 5863 | 3683 | | 3683 | 13256 | | 13256 |

Sewerage.

Part of the Parish of Bentley is sewered, the effluent being treated by broad land irrigation.

A scheme of main drainage for the greater part of the Parish of Whitehill is proceeding under contract. Discharge is into existing treatment works at Lindford in the Parish.

The temporary housing site of 50 prefabricated bungalows at Lindford is served by a sewer laid to discharge into the above-mentioned works.

Schemes for the sewering of the Parishes of Headley and Grayshott have been approved whilst schemes have been prepared for sewering areas of the following parishes:—Bentworth, Binsted (Rowledge, Bucks Horn Oak and Village), Chawton, East Tisted, Farringdon, Lasham, Medstead, Newton Valence, Ropley, Selborne (Village), Shalden, Whitehill (Greatham), and Wield; also for further extensions in Bentley.

The larger Council Housing Estates, where sewers are not available, are being provided with estate treatment works.

Drainage.

There has been an increased tendency to instal domestic drainage systems, ie., cesspools and septic tanks, to serve individual houses and it is regretted that Building Licensing restrictions have checked this desirable form of improvement.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Refuse Collection.

A general scheme of full refuse collection throughout the district is in operation.

Weekly collections of refuse and salvage are made in the Parishes of Grayshott and Whitehill, the remainder of the district being served fortnightly.

Disposal is by means of controlled tipping.

During the year disposal of refuse from Bordon Camp commenced.

Salvage.

Collection of waste paper has been maintained and the quantity sold during the year amounted to 37 tons 11cwts. 3qtrs.

Cesspool Emptying.

Cesspools and septic tanks were emptied throughout the district upon application as follows:

Private properties 906 loads Council and requisitioned properties .. 477 loads

Total 1383 loads

Nightsoil Collection.

Nightsoil collections are made twice weekly in defined areas of the Parishes of Grayshott, Whitehill, Chawton, Farringdon, Selborne and Headley and once weekly in defined areas in the Parish of Binsted. A scheme to further extend this service, to be operated as soon as an appropriate vehicle could be acquired, was approved to serve additional areas in the District.

Note: All Public Cleansing work is carried out by the Council's own vehicles and staff.

RURAL HOUSING

The Housing Act, 1949, which received the Royal Assent on the 30th July, 1949, makes provision, inter alia, for Local Authorities to make grants to private owners for the improvement of private dwellings, provided that the dwellings after improvement comply with specified conditions and standard.

Two applications made by private owners under the provisions of the Act in respect of 3 dwellings were approved during the year.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

All home killed meat delivered to the shops in the district came from Government controlled slaughterhouses situated outside the district.

Regular inspections of food shops and stores were carried out during the year and the following foodstuffs were surrendered for condemnation:—

| Home killed r | neat | | 96 | lbs. |
|---------------|------|-----|------------------|------------|
| Chickens | | • • | 3 | 100. |
| Ducks | • • | • • | 5 | |
| | • • | • • | | 11 |
| Sausages | • • | • • | 10 | lbs. |
| Fish | | | $57\frac{1}{2}$ | lbs. |
| Brawn | | | 11 | lbs. |
| Flour | | | 15 | lbs. |
| Cheese | | | 121 | lbs. |
| Dried fruit | | | $30\frac{3}{4}$ | lbs. |
| Shell eggs | | | 863 | |
| Fats | | | $60\frac{1}{2}$ | lbs. |
| Meat | | | 55 | tins |
| Milk | | | 88 | tins |
| Vegetables | | | 35 | tins |
| Fish | | | 16 | tins |
| Fruit | | | 33 | tins |
| Preserves | | | 10 | tins |
| Cereals | | | 21 | pkts. |
| Sundry foods | | | 55 j | ars., etc. |
| Bacon | | | $116\frac{3}{4}$ | |

Milk and Dairies.

Under the Food and Drugs (Milk and Dairies) Act, 1944, which came into operation on the 1st October, 1949, regulations were made by the Ministries of Health, Agriculture and Fisheries and Food whereby the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries became responsible for the registration of dairy farms and dairy farmers and for the execution and enforcement of the regulations on same, whilst local authorities retained responsibility for the provisions applicable outside of dairy farms, for the provisions relating to diseases communicable to man and for the registration of dairies other than dairy farms and of dairymen other than dairy farmers.

Regulations were also made regarding designated milk. The County Council is the responsible authority as regards producers but have delegated to the District Council their powers as regards pasteurising and sterilising establishments of which however there are at present none in the district. Local authorities under these regulations are responsible for the provisions covering premises other than those at which milk is produced.

Ice Cream.

There is one wholesale manufacturer in the district and 41 samples were taken for analysis during the year with the following results:

Methylene Blue Test.

| Provisional grade | I | II | III | IV |
|-------------------|--------|----|-----|----|
| No. of samples | 33 | 8 | 0 | 0 |

The provisional grades are based on the time taken to reduce the colour of a standard methylene blue solution. The results of examination of many samples suggest that the methylene blue reduction test is a good indicator of general bacterial contamination and a fairly good indicator of excretal contamination. The use of this test and the definition of the grades should be regarded as provisional only, subject to a trial.

It is suggested that it would be unwise to pay too much attention to the result of any one sample, but that throughout the year samples should be expected to fall into provisional grades as follows: Grade I, 50%; Grades I and II, 80%; Grade III, not more than 20%; Grade IV, nil.

The samples taken during the year show the following percentages:

It will be seen that samples within Grades I—II are well above the standard suggested.

Food Poisoning.

There were no cases of food poisoning during the year.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, Section 47

(Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention).

During the year the Council did not find it necessary to take action under the above Section.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

During the year 17 licences were issued for moveable dwellings, making a total number of 60 licenses in force at the end of the year.

Visits and inspections were made of all dwellings and sites to ensure maintenance in a sanitary condition.

HOP PICKERS ACCOMMODATION

Special attention was given during the year to this type of accommodation.

The Council continued a system of refuse collection from the encampments in cases where growers provided proper receptacles.

There are in all 16 hop growers in 5 different parishes, providing 22 separate hutted encampments with, in addition, 7 tented encampments for travellers. These were all inspected both before and during occupation, involving a total of 126 camp visits.

BUILDING BYE LAWS & PLANNING

The total number of plans deposited with the Council during the year was as follows:

| 1. | New dwellings | | | | | 19 |
|----|---------------------|----------|---------|---------|----------|---------|
| | Alterations and ad- | ditions | to exis | sting d | wellings | 35 |
| 3. | Conversions and ac | daptatio | ns to | form d | wellings | 16 |
| 4. | Domestic garages | •• | | | | 22 |
| | Domestic drainage | | | | | 91 |
| | Farm and other bu | | | | | 25 |
| 7. | Sheds and stores | | | | | 13 |
| 8. | Planning only | | | | | 69 |
| | 0 , | | | | | |
| | | Total | | | | 290 |
| | | | | | | |

BUILDING LICENSING

Building licences were issued during the year as follows:-

| No. of licences | Nature of Works | Cost of Works |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 9 | New dwellings | £12,541 |
| 8 | additional dwellings | £ 6,454 |
| 29 | dwellings | £ 2,938 £ 7,361 £ 9,409 |
| 36 | Domestic drainage | £ 9,409 |
| 95 | | £38,703 |

Inspection of work under Building Licensing involved 41 visits in addition to any visits necessary under the Council's Building Bye Laws.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948

The following particulars are those prescribed on the administration of the above Act.

Inspections for purposes as to health:—

| Premises | Number on register | Number of inspections | Number of written notices |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities | 27 | 6 | Nil |
| Local Authority | 12 | 8 | Nil |
| 3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority | 12 | 12 | Nil |

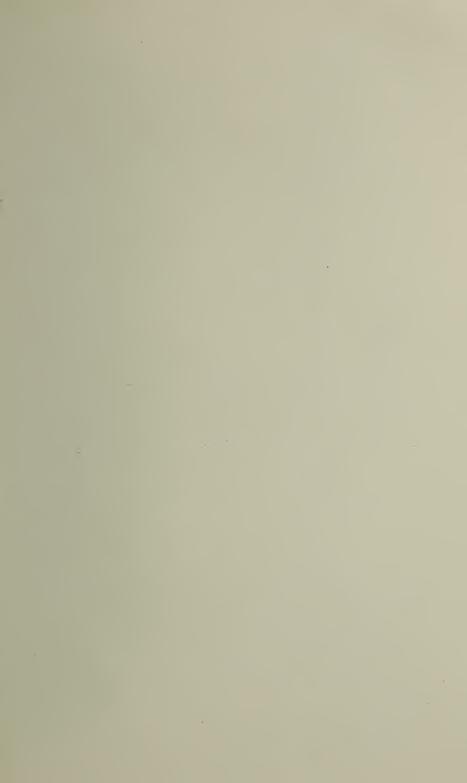
Cases in which defects were found:-Nil.

H. Currer Williams,

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